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construction work at Cochstedt and giving information on the following: work on a concrete strip of unspecified purpose, extension of the narrow-gauge railway line, excavation for a fuel depot, construction of roads and buildings and the approximate numbers of various types of laborers working on the project. The report includes a sketch (to scale) showing the locations of the various construction projects going on.

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COCHSTEDT Construction Site : Situation as at 12th August 1958

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Appendix:

Attached at Appendix "A" is a scale plan showing the approximate lay-out of the main features of the site as at 12th August 1958.

Concrete strip under construction

1. Current activity on the COCHSTEDT construction site is mainly concerned with the laying of a 25 - 30 m. wide concrete strip, parallel and approximately 50 m. to the south of the 'drainage' pipe line already laid. By the 12th August this strip was about 700 metres long and was being extended both westwards and eastwards.
2. The concrete is being laid to a thickness of 25 cm., on a 15 - 20 cm. thick foundation of coarse ballast with a thin separating layer of finer ballast. No tarred paper is being used although stocks are present on the site.
3. The contractors have set up electric lights on tall posts spaced approximately every 50 m. along the northern side of the concrete strip now being laid. As on the 12th August these posts did not extend eastwards beyond the existing limit of the concrete already laid; westwards, however, they extend for about 500 m. beyond the concrete already laid, and thence at right angles in a southerly direction for approximately 200 m. [REDACTED] 25X1
4. Preparation for the laying of this concrete included the levelling of a strip approximately 100 m. wide; the concrete has been laid slightly to the north [REDACTED] of this strip, leaving a levelled area about 25X1 30 m. wide to the north, and a similar area about 40 - 45 m. wide to the south.

Extension of narrow guage railway

5. The narrow guage railway has been extended to the south-east so as to run alongside the new concrete strip for a distance of some 300 metres. It is proposed to extend this both eastwards and westwards, but this is held up temporarily owing to lack of platelayers on the site.

Excavation for fuel depot

6. Adjacent to the main East-West road serving the site from HAKEL-FORST, an area approximately 40 x 40 m. has been excavated to a depth of about 5 m. Semi-underground fuel tanks are to be installed. The exact location relative to the other features on the site is shown in Appendix "A".

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Road construction

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7. The concrete road running south at right angles from the main road serving the site from HAKELFORST has been extended as far as the new 25 - 30 m. concrete strip now under construction. It crosses the narrow gauge railway by means of a level crossing.

8. Towards the end of July another concrete road was completed and brought into use; this leaves the main road serving the site from HAKELFORST, in a southerly direction, at a point about 1200 m. from HAKELFORST. This road is used bringing gravel to the site from a gravel pit just west of GROSS BORNECKE.

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New surface construction.

9. A short way to the East of the fuel depot excavation, a First Aid shed and another shed providing amenities for the labourers have been erected. Further East, in the area of the main domestic site, a new 2 storey brick built dwelling house has been completed (for exact locations, see Appendix "A").

10. Aircraft hangars are to be built along the north side of the 25 - 30 m. wide concrete strip now under construction.

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equipment.

11. now on the site consists of:-

- (i) five brigades (100 men) of German prison these are employed on concrete laying work, and also on the local farms; 25X1
- (ii) about 200 - 300 men from the BAU UNION SUD and STRASSENBAU HALLE; these firms provide all the operating personnel for the narrow gauge railway dumpers, excavators etc. (except the levellers and graders) and the concrete laying. 25X1
- (iii) a Soviet unit of up to 40 men who operate and maintain the levellers and graders. 25X1

12. The Soviet military unit previously on the site is no longer there. While on the site they did general work, mainly concerned with earth removal for the foundations of huts and tented accommodation. 25X1

13. No S.A.F. personnel are currently to be seen on the site.

14. The BAU UNION SUD have on the site one large wide-tracked excavator and about 10 smaller wheeled excavators; two tracked excavators have recently been shipped away from the site to the Schwarze Pumpe project.

Supplies to the Site

15. Materials recently supplied to the site include one 15-ton

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cistern [] of diesel oil on 1st August, delivered to the Soviet
[] quantities of coal prickettes, and coils of 6 - 8 mm. 25X1
diameter wire rod, to BAU UNION SUD; and 35 tons of artificial
fertiliser, delivered to the Soviet [] 25X1

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APPENDIX 'A'

